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SUBJ: AN ACTIVIST JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN CAMBODIA?

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1. TO JUDGE BY HIS 90-MINUTE INITIAL CALL NOVEMBER 23, NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO CAMBODIA OHTORI KURINO COULD BE THE ANTITHESIS OF HIS PREDECESSOR NOBORU SUGIURA. SUGIURA SPENT A THREE-YEAR TOUR AS A RECLUSE IN HIS WELL SANDBAGGED RESIDENCE; KURINO HAS ALREADY BEEN OUT SEVERAL TIMES TO THE PERIMETERS OF PHNOM PENH. SUGIURA WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO AVOID ANY ACTION; KURINO HAS ALREADY PROPOSED TO JAPANESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HOGAN(A) SPECIAL JAPANESE ASSISTANCE TO ACQUIRE PUMPS FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT ALONG THE NORTH DIKE, AND (B) WHAT HE CALLS A "DRASTIC" PLAN TO ADVANCE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE KHMER.

2. AS HE RECOUNTS THEM, KURINO'S SUGGESTIONS ARE INTER-RELATED. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INCREASED MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND DIET, KURINO WOULD
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LIKE TO HAVE ASSURANCE (A LA LAOTIENNE IF POSSIBLE)

THAT THE KC WILL NOT ATTACK JAPANESE FINANCED PROJECTS.
AT THE SAME TIME, HE FEELS THAT THE GKR MUST TAKE
DRAMATIC PEACE INITIATIVE WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME
BEFORE A UN VOTE, THE OUTCOME OF WHICH HE FEARS WILL
BE UNFAVORABLE. KURINO'S SUGGESTION IS THUS THAT THE
GKR DECLARE SOME ZONE (PERHAPS ADJACENT TO THE NORTH
DIKE) AS A DEMILITARIZED AREA WHERE BOTH SIDES COULD
MEET. IN ORDER TO ORGANIZE THE CONTACTS, SOME THIRD
PARTY SUCH AS SON SANN COULD BE INSTALLED IN THE
DEMILITARIZED ZONE, WHICH WOULD THEN BECOME A
"PEACE CAPITAL". KURINO FEELS THAT THE IMAGE PROJECTED
WOULD BE ONE OF THE KHMER SOLVING THEIR OWN PROBLEMS,
AND THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE THE UN TO TAKE THE VIEW THAT
IT SHOULD NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS.
3. ALL OF THIS IS STARTLING AND NOT A LITTLE BUSY-
BODYISH: KURINO ADMITS THAT VICE MINISTER HOGEN HAS
NOT ANSWERED HIS CABLES AND IS RELUCTANTLY RESIGNING
HIMSELF FOR THE TIME BEING QTE TO THE ROLE OF A SPECTOR
UNQTE. IN A FURTHER CONTRAST TO HIS PREDECESSOR, HE WELCOMES
CONTACT WITH THIS MISSION, AND WE WILL FOLLOW UP IN
AN EFFORT TO SEE WHETHER HIS OBVIOUS DESIRE TO PLAY
A ROLE IN THIS HIS FIRST AMBASSADORSHIP CAN BE CHanneLED
INTO SOMETHING HELPFUL.
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